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SUBJECT: SOVIET WEEKLY ON ROLE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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1. LITERARY WEEKLY LITERATURNAYA GAZETA (LITGAZ)
JULY 12 CARRIES BRIEF ARTICLE CRITICIZING ASSISTANT
SECRETARY DERIAN FOR REPORTEDLY TELLING RECENT
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOVIET JEWRY GATHERING IN
NEW YORK THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION INTENDS "TO
CONTINUE TO APPLY PRESSURE ON THE SOVIET UNION FOR
THE EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS" (QUOTES AS CARRIED IN
LITGAZ). AUTHOR OF ARTICLE, IDENTIFIED ONLY BY
INITIALS F. Z., DESCRIBES DERIAN AS A "RATHER NEW
PERSONALITY AMONG THOSE PERSONAGES OF AMERICAN
POLITICAL LIFE INDULGING IN ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE PROS-
PECT OF A POLICY OF BLACKMAIL AND PRESSURE ON THE
SOVIET UNION." AFTER BRIEFLY CHARACTERIZING HER
U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES, AUTHOR NOTES THAT
ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN SWITCHED HER FIELD OF
OPERATION "TO THE ENTIRE WORLD," A SWITCH-OVER
CALCULATED BY WASHINGTON TO LEND RESPECTABILITY
TO THE "WHITE HOUSE'S FALSE CAMPAIGN ON HUMAN RIGHTS."
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CONCLUDING MAIN PART OF ARTICLE, AUTHOR ASSURES LITGAZ
READERSHIP THAT POLICY OF APPLYING PRESSURE ON
USSR HAS NO FUTURE AND WILL YIELD NOTHING FOR ITS
INITIATORS. THE FUTURE RATHER LIES WITH THE
STRENGTHENING OF CONFIDENCE BETWEEN PEOPLES, THE
FULFILLMENT OF EXISTING AND THE CONCLUSION OF NEW
AGREEMENTS, AND DETENTE.

2. POSTSCRIPT TO ARTICLE REFERS READERS TO SECOND ARTICLE LOCATED ELSEWHERE IN LITGAZ WHICH IT SUGGESTS "WOULD BE USEFUL FOR MRS. DERIAN TO ACQUAINT HERSELF WITH." ARTICLE TURNS OUT TO BE EXPOSE OF WAR CRIMES AGAINST JEWS COMMITTED BY ONE D. I. MARSHCHAK, WHO ALLEGEDLY NOW LIVES AT 8329 N. STENTON AVENUE 18, PHILADELPHIA, UNDER THE NAME STEPAN NIZYK. MAIN POINT OF ARTICLE, WHICH GIVES EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF VARIOUS CRIMES AGAINST JEWS ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED BY MARSHCHAK WHILE SERVING AS STAROSTA UNDER NAZIS IN VILLAGE OF NEZBYSKO IN ZAKARPATSKAYA OBLAST', IS THAT WAR CRIMINALS, ULTRA-RIGHTISTS, NAZIS AND RACISTS ARE AMONG THOSE BEHIND WEST'S "HYPOCRITICAL PROPAGANDISTIC CAMPAIGN IN THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS." SECOND ARTICLE, REPRINTED FROM RECENT ISSUE OF LOCAL UKRAINIAN PAPER, MAKES NO SPECIFIC CONNECTION, HOWEVER, BETWEEN MARSHCHAK AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS.

3. COMMENT: WHILE SOVIET AUTHORITIES ARE CONDUCTING THEIR PROSECUTION AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES HERE, THE SOVIET PRESS IS STEPPING UP ITS DIN ABOUT PROPONENTS ABROAD. THE LINK-UP WHICH LITGAZ ATTEMPTS BETWEEN U.S. POLICY AND AN APPARENT WAR CRIMINAL OPERATING IN THE UKRAINE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DURING THE WAR MAY SEEM FAR-FETCHED, BUT IT PROBABLY REFLECTS THE DEEP RESENTMENT FELT BY MANY AMONG THE RULING ELITE ON U.S. CRITICISM OF SPECIFIC SOVIET POLICIES, INCLUDING OF COURSE EMIGRATION. MATLOCK

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